



Parents and Friends Committee Meeting 1st August 2017

- Meeting Opened:** 7:30pm
Present: Chris Black, Naomi Bartlett, Ellinor Allen, April Hampson, Jeana Thomas, Sharon Miller, Mairianne Macartney
- Apologies:** Karen Walker, Paul Leitao, Britany Moloy, Jodie Redman
- Correspondence in:** CDF statement, SPC Financial Report, Entertainment Book Sales Statement
- Correspondence out:** Letter to Bunnings for 2018 BBQ Date
- Welcome:** From President Naomi Bartlett

Guest Speakers: Gabriella Spano & Orwin De Krestner- Update on Year 9 building

Gabriella Spano:

Let's start from the beginning, after graduating, I decided that if I was going to be a teacher, I was going to be the best teacher that I could be. So off I headed to London. After almost 12 months of teaching in what I believe to be some of the roughest schools in East London, I was finally able to enjoy my rite of passage as a twenty something year old and backpack around Europe for three months before heading back to Australia and focussing on establishing my career. On my return, I was offered a job at Mt Hira, an Islamic school in Keysborough. Mt Hira allowed me the opportunity to plan and implement the Legal Studies curriculum from its inception. I also had a number of leadership roles, Year 9 Coordinator, Head of Humanities, Debating Coordinator and Soccer Coach. From Mt Hira, I went to work at Casey Grammar in Cranbourne East, where I taught Legal Studies, VCE English and Humanities and was involved in the implementation of VCAL. The next few years included having my first two children. It was difficult to say the least as I struggled at times to find the right work/life balance, but also rewarding. I then moved onto St. Peter's College, which has given me the opportunity to undertake my current role as Humanities Coach. This role, has given me the chance to look at the many different ways I can develop the curriculum and offer our students a broad range of activities and opportunities to enhance their knowledge of each of the subjects. These subjects include; Legal Studies, Business Management, Geography, Economics, Accounting and History. I now begin another journey with baby no 3 on board where I will have to learn again how to juggle the demands of three children while working, I know this will be tackled with ease as the support from my colleagues and leadership within the school surpasses anything I have ever worked with, I am proud to be a member staff at St. Peter's College and am overwhelmed with the feelings of inclusiveness from the St. Peter's College community as a whole.

Orwin De Krestner:- Update on East Campus Year 9 Building – visit our website link for further info.

<http://www2.stpeters.vic.edu.au/teaching-learning/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=330>

Previous Meeting Minutes: Accepted by E Allen and seconded by A Hampson

Principal Report: Chris Black

Chris opened with a prayer and then shared what has happened at the school since last meeting.

We have had SPC Dinner, where we acknowledged staff with 10 Year and 20 Year Awards.

Both Campuses had SPC Day, lots of fun was had by all, a real community feel at both campuses, and Chris thanked Parents & Friends for the sausage sizzle and drink we provide free to all and extended a warm thank you to the

parents who gave their time. Central Australia trip was another great experience and success; in 2019, East Campus will have their own trip offered to Year 11 students. The Futures Expo was very busy, and another successful event for students to gain information. Feedback around the workshop timetabling was provided, with an hour too long, as most workshops only went for ½ hour, then they needed to wait around for next one. Also some workshops overlapped or were not available until later in the night. Chris felt the Year 12 interviews on this afternoon did not work and this would need to be looked at for future years. Consideration to invite past students to each of the key Curriculum Areas will be given. Students will ask questions and value information from students who have been there and done that. 2018 Year 7 at East Campus will move to 6 streams. Unfortunately although we have a waiting List for Year 8 at East in 2018, the list is not strong enough to warrant at this stage a commitment to a further stream. This will be continually reviewed. We hope to be able to place all students on the waiting list, with normal student movements at the end of this year. The East Campus would move to 8 House Leaders, increased student Numbers mean it's a great time to introduce a House Leader for each House. Year 9 students went to West Campus joining students from the West Campus for 'Try a VET Day'; 20 min rotating sessions gave students the opportunity to try hands on roles in different vocations. Masterplan for West Campus almost ready to share publicly with families, first part West Campus families will notice is the Traffic Management of the car park area, and a change to Arts/Media area. At the East Campus the Year 9 building is coming along. Both campuses have been given a grant from CDF to install Solar panels; this will reduce our carbon footprint but also save the school money on power. West Campus will have all lighted changed to LED.

Treasurer Report: April Hampson

Bank balance \$10,700.90

General Business: April Hampson

- Entertainment book sales, best ever.
- Three surveys regarding consideration of changes to Girls uniform options (possible introduction of trousers/shorts) is almost ready to be delivered to Parents, Staff & Students. Results are to then be considered by College Executive and Board.
- Annual expenditure has increased over recent years with the inclusion of East Campus student numbers growing for St. Peter's Day BBQ costs and the East Campus SRC Annual Grant. Income however has not increased. Although money is in the bank, in the main due to the hard work of the previous executive and members of the P&F Committee, if we wish to maintain, or even grow our expenditure commitments, we need to increase our income.
- Parents encouraged to 'LIKE' the schools new FB page.
- Solomon Islands Trivia & Silent Auction Night coming up Friday 11/8. P&F encouraged to join in the fun and book a table or join a team

Business Arising:

All members to consider prior to next meeting new fundraising ideas and ways to increase parent numbers to meetings and participation in fundraising events via current and new communication channels.

Meeting closed: 9:15 pm

Upcoming dates & Guest speakers 2017/2018 :

Tuesday 5th September, West Campus Staff Room, Mr Chris Windley, Humanities Teacher

Wednesday 18th October, Year 7, 2019 Information Evening, West Campus

Tuesday 31st October, Year 7, 2019 Information Evening, East Campus

Tuesday 14th November, East Campus Administration Centre, Miss Marissa Joyce, Assistant RE Co-ordinator, Social Justice "The Way of the Lord"

Wednesday 29th November, College Presentation Night

Tuesday 5th December, Year 7, 2018 Orientation Day Parent Morning Tea West Campus

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Wednesday 31st January, 2018 Year 7 First Day Parents Morning Tea West Campus

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